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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE**

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Final Rejection mailed on 11 January 2010. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0320 (small entity).